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SUBJECT: BRITISH POSITION ON BELIZE

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1. DAVID WALKER OF UK EMBASSY CALLED ON ARA/CEN OCT 17 TO DISCUSS BELIZE. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION AND IN RESPONSE TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS, WALKER MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.

2. WHEN DEPTOFFS RELATED TO HIM ESSENCE OF PRESIDENT LAUGERUD'S COMMENTS AND FEELINGS ABOUT BRITISH POSITION (REF.A), WALKER RESPONDED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN HAD INDEED BEEN QUITE TOUGH WITH GUATEMALAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA IN THEIR SEPT 25 MEETING, AND DELIBERATELY SO. CALLAGHAN FEELS THAT BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN DELAYED TOO LONG ALREADY AND

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SHOULD NOT BE HELD UP ANY LONGER OVER GUATEMALAN

INTRANSIGENCE.

3. UKUN HOPES TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH ASSAD SHOMAN TODAY (OCT 17) ON LANGUAGE FOR A UN RESOLUTION. AFTER APPROVAL IS OBTAINED FROM LONDON AND BELIZE (EARLY NEXT WEEK), UKUN WILL BEGIN CIRCULATING PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AMONG CARIBBEANS AND AT SAME TIME WILL SHOW IT TO GUATEMALAN DELEGATION. GOG HAS NOT YET BEEN CONSULTED ON THE LANGUAGE OF THIS DRAFT. (IT SEEMS TO DEPT THAT SUCH A COURSE WILL LEAVE GUATEMALANS WITH LITTLE CHANCE TO INFLUENCE OR EVEN COMMENT ON THE WORDING.) WALKER DID SAY RESOLUTION CALLS FOR CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN UK AND GUATEMALA. HE ADDED BRITISH STILL BELIEVE THEY CAN BLOCK ANY STRONGER RESOLUTION BY DIS-ASSOCIATING THEMSELVES FROM IT, I.E., BY THREATENING TO ABSTAIN.

4. UK HAS TAKEN DECISION TO REINFORCE BELIZE GARRISON, IF AND WHEN IT PROVES NECESSARY.

5. UK DID NOT TELL GOG IN ADVANCE OF INITIAL REINFORCEMENT (HELICOPTERS, BOATS, SUPPORT PERSONNEL), AND WHEN GOG CONSUL GENERAL IN BELIZE ASKED GOVERNOR POSNET ABOUT THIS AFTER EQUIPMENT HAD ARRIVED, HE WAS TOLD QUOTE THEY ARE FOR USE IN CASE OF HURRICANES UNQUOTE. SAME STORY WAS GIVEN TO FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SANCHEZ IN GUATEMALA BY HMG CONSUL MCQUILLAN.

6. HMG HAS RECONSIDERED ITS POSITION ON SUBMISSION OF DISPUTE TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AND HAS DECIDED AGAINST IT. WALKER SAID THE BELIZEANS ARE NOT WILLING TO UTILIZE THE ICJ BECAUSE THEY ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE OUTCOME AND ARE UNWILLING TO RISK A DECISION IN FAVOR OF GUATEMALA. BRITISH AGREE WITH THIS POSITION.

&. FOR GUATEMALA: IN REFERENCE TO YOUR 5746 ON ADDITIONAL BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS, WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT BRITISH HAVE MOVED IN ADDITIONAL MEN
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OR EQUIPMENT. THE FRIGATE ZULU IS ON STATION IN THE CARIBBEAN AND IS WITHIN 24 HOURS SAILING TIME OF BELIZE BUT THIS IS NORMAL DEPLOYMENT. INGERSOLL

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